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NASA/FMSAC cooperation.

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A briefing for Admiral Boone, NASA, on the joint activity which NASA had developed with CIA in the analysis of space intelligence data - oriented principally toward an explanation of how NASA was organized to assist the space intelligence effort, what had been accomplished, and plans for the future.

2-fold purpose of NASA participation in the intel community space efforts at the technical level

- (1) to provide NASA analytical support and assista nce to the CIA and the intelligence community;
- (2) to facilitate technical intelligence inputs to NASA programs.

The program was considered a M "marriage of convenience" --no written agreement and no long-range commitments by either of the two agencies.

The NASA group which participated was the Office of Manned Space Flight (OMSF) and the original arrangements for this joint activity were made between Dr. Shea of NASA and Dr. Wheelon of CIA. The only policy document to support the effort is a draft memo from McCone to USIB which was given to NASA for concurrence.

The program was assigned the code name GALAXY. It operated under the supervision on the NASA side of the Advanced Manned Missions Program Director, where useful tech data derived from intel studies can be fed directly into NASA's advanced mission studies; on the CIA side the NASA group operated as a branch of the Ballistic Missiles and Space Division, OSI, DD/S&T (until that office amalgamated with FMSAC, at which time the ACTIVITY moved to FMSAC ??????? Did it???)